



MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE ZION ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

FELLOWSHIP MEETING-HOUSE,

IN CHOCTAW COUNTY,

On the 19th and 21st days of October, 1839.

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SATURDAY, October 19, 1839.

The Association met, according to last year's appointment.

Elder S. S. Lattimore, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder William Harrod, his alternate, both having failed to attend, a sermon was preached by Elder Joseph Morris, from Mark iv, 14.

After preaching, the delegates convened in the meeting-house, and the former clerk being absent, appointed brother Thomas Fox, clerk *pro tem*.

Prayer by Elder James Hall. The letters from the churches were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Elder Joseph Morris was chosen moderator, and brother Thomas Fox, clerk.

The constitution and rules of decorum were read.

A door was opened for the reception of churches wishing to unite with the Association. Salem Church, of Chickasaw county, presented a letter by her delegates, desiring admission, which was granted, and the right hand of fellowship given by the moderator.

Called for correspondence. A letter from the Louisville Friendship Association, was presented by her messengers, Elders J. Moorhead and Reuben Dodson, soliciting correspondence, which was received, the right hand of fellowship given, and the brethren invited to seats. A letter from the Columbus Association, soliciting correspondence, was received by the hands of her messengers, Elder William Halbert, and brother James M. Griffin. The moderator gave the brethren the right hand of fellowship, and invited them to seats. Also, a letter from the Chickasaw Association by Elder Lee Compere. The right hand of fellowship was given, and brother Compere invited to a seat.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

On motion of Elder Jesse Thomas, the following committees were appointed: to arrange preaching, Jesse Thomas, John Middleton, and Benjamin Middleton; to arrange the business of the Association, Elders J. Martin, G. Stovall, and R. Curry; on the state of religion, G. W. Hufham, and A. W. Herring; on education, B. Carroll, James Hall, and Lee Compere; on finance, Travis Straughn, H. Pitman, and James Powell.

On motion of Elder Stovall, appointed Elder G. W. Hufham to write a letter to corresponding Associations.

On motion of Elder Stovall, appointed messengers to corresponding Associations in the following manner: Elders Morris, Carroll and Hufham, to the Louisville Friendship; Elders Martin, Hufham, and White to the Columbus; Elders Stovall, Lattimore, and Thomas to the Chickasaw.

On account of not having received an answer from the Union Association, since proposing correspondence, agreed to defer further correspondence, until we shall have heard from her.

On motion, agreed to propose correspondence to the Choctaw Association; appointed Elders Harrod and Curry as messengers.

On motion, agreed to continue correspondence to the Yalobusha Association; Elders Lattimore and Stovall messengers.

The committee to arrange preaching, reported Elders Hall, Carroll, and Stovall to occupy the stand on the Sabbath. The Association then adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, October 20.

Elder James Hall addressed the congregation first, from Matthew vii, 20; Elder Stovall followed with a discourse from First Corinthians, xiii, 13; after a short intermission, Elder B. Carroll preached from Isaiah, lxi, 1.

MONDAY, October 21.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment. County Line Church, not having represented herself in the Association, a committee was appointed to inquire into the cause, and report. Brethren Nelms, Stovall and Hall were appointed said committee, who reported the following resolution:

Whereas, the Church at County Line has declared a non-fellowship with this Association, and has refused to send up her letter and delegates—Therefore, *Resolved*, That the said Church be dropped from the Association. Adopted.

The Church at Hopewell, having failed to represent herself in this Association, and as it appears that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the Church, respecting the appointment of a committee by this Association, at the last session, to visit said Church—Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of Elders J. Thomas, H. Fox, sen., and Thomas Fox, to visit said Church, and explain the intention of the Association, and request the Church to represent herself in the next session of the Association.

Called for the report of the committees.

The report of the committee on the state of religion was presented, read, and ordered to lie on the table for the present.

Called for the Circular Letter. Elder J. Morris, who was appointed to write the same, reported, that in consequence of having been almost constantly engaged in the late revivals, he had not prepared one.

Resolved, That the excuse be received, and the brother requested to write one on the same subject for next year.

The letter to the Corresponding Associations was read and adopted. [See Appendix, No. 1.]

The committee on education presented a report by their chairman, which was read and adopted. [See No. 2 in Appendix.]

The report on the state of religion was taken up and adopted. [See No. 3 in Appendix.]

Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, and instructed him to have six hundred copies printed, and reserve twenty copies for each corresponding Association.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Carrollton Church, in Carroll county.

Elder R. M. Curry to preach the Anniversary Sermon; Elder J. Thomas his alternate.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which is as follows:

Received of the Churches by contribution—

Fellowship,	\$10	Pleasant Grove,	\$5
Greensborough,	3	Hay's Creek,	5
Middleton,	15	Carrollton,	10
Ebenezer,	5	Salem, (Carroll county,)	10—63

Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, 17 —80

Appointed the District Meeting in the first District to be held with the Hay's Creek Church, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in April next. In the second District, to be held with Pleasant Grove Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July next.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be given to the members of Fellowship Church, and the neighborhood, for the kindness manifested in entertaining the members of this Association.

In the close, the Moderator addressed a few appropriate remarks to the members; a hymn was sung, and brother Compere prayed. During the exercises, much good feeling and brotherly love were manifested.

JOSEPH MORRIS, *Moderator*.

THOMAS FOX, *Clerk*.

The Clerk takes the liberty to add a record of the goodness of God, manifested to Fellowship Church and the surrounding neighborhood. After the Association adjourned, the meeting was protracted until the Sunday following. The Spirit of the Lord attended the preaching of the Word, and many souls were hopefully converted; 57 persons were added to the Church by baptism.



STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Dismissed	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total Number	Association Fund
<i>Holmes County.</i>									
Ebenezer, - -	B. Nall,* B. Parker, W. Loe.	39	11	4	100	3	82	85	
<i>Carroll County.</i>									
Salem, - - -	G. W. HUFHAM, J. Coleman,* J. Nelson.	26	2	10	10	3	1	149	10
Carrollton, - -	B. CARROLL, T. T. Young.*	47	13	00	100	1	97	10	
Middleton, - -	G. STOVALL, J. MORRIS, H. Petty.	82	10	13	1	300	207	15	
Hay's Creek, - -	A. W. HERRING, J. Townsend.	00	5	3	00	1	1	70	5
Shongalo, - - -									
<i>Choctaw County.</i>									
Pleasant Grove,	R. M. CURRY, J. Petman, H. Petman.	4	00	2	200	2	38	5	
Greensborough,	M. WHITE, J. Seals, N. Gilmer.*	1	12	3	100	00	32	3	
Fellowship, - -	J. THOMAS, J. MARTIN, B. Middleton.	00	11	10	00	00	00	69	10
Antioch, - - -									
<i>Chickasaw County.</i>									
Bethany, - - -	H. Fox, sen., T. Straughn, T. Fox.	3	10	4	300	00	64	00	
Salem, - - -	B. Johnson,* Jesse Seal, B. Middlebrook,	11	13	00	00	00	00	33	00
	* Absent.	213	87	49	19	7	8841	63	

Antioch, Hopewell, and Shongalo have not represented themselves this year, and consequently are left out of the statistics of the Association.

The Ordained Ministers in the Association are, S. S. Lattimore, Jos. Morris, G. W. Hufham, G. Stovall, B. Carroll, R. M. Curry, M. White, Jesse Thomas, J. Martin, and William Harrod.

The Licensed Preachers are, ——— King and Jonas Seals.

APPENDIX.

[NO. 1.]

The Zion, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds:

Dear Brethren:—Through the over-ruling Providence of God, we have been permitted to meet at this our Annual Meeting, to confer upon matters pertaining to the Redeemer's kingdom. In reviewing the scenes of the year now closing, we feel that there is abundant cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Parent, for the divine manifestation of his grace, in various parts of this Association. It may truly be said, the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. In the space of six or seven weeks, the Lord has blessed us in the conversion of about one hundred and fifty precious souls, who have been added to the churches. We have had the pleasure of receiving corresponding delegates from our sister Associations, viz: Lee Compere, from the Chickasaw; J. M. Griffin and William Halbert, from the Columbus; R. Dodson and J. J. Moorehead, from the Louisville Friendship Association—all of whom were most cordially received, and invited to seats with us.

By reference to our minutes, you will see that we have appointed delegates to your respective Associations.

May the Great Head of the Church be with you, and preside as Moderator over your deliberations, and enable you to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace! Farewell!

J. MORRIS, *Moderator.*

[NO. 2.]

The committee on education report, that they have had the subject under consideration; and, in candor, they must acknowledge they do not know what to write. But it does seem to them that education is so important to a community, and especially to Ministers, that none can be found who will object to its utility. All the discord that exists in any community, is the result of a want of information, and a candid and honest interchange of opinions on the subject about which they disagree; and your committee are convinced, that a large portion of the discord in the Christian Church results from lack of knowledge, and for want of correct understanding of each other on the subjects about which they disagree; and that, consequently, to promote the cause of education will promote union and harmony among christians. At this time, Providence seems to open a wide door for Baptist preaching, and wherever acceptable preachers have labored in word and doctrine, their labors have not been in vain in the Lord; and it seems to be our imperative duty, not only to cherish ardent piety, but also to cultivate the mind, that we may be able to instruct the intelligent community among whom we labor, and store their minds with the fundamental doctrines of divine truth.

In truth that our brethren may be able to educate their sons under a proper religious influence, our brethren and friends at Middleton, have established the Middleton Literary and Theological Institute, where our brethren can educate their sons, free from the sectarian influences of other denominations; and where

our young preachers can, by study, prepare themselves for more extensive usefulness in the Church of God. We, therefore, recommend that institution to the patronage of the brethren and friends of our denomination who have sons to educate, and to those young ministers who wish to study and prepare themselves for usefulness in the Church of God.

B. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

[NO. 3.]

Your committee on the state of religion within the churches, beg leave to report:

EBENEZER.—This church says: "We have monthly preaching by our beloved pastor, Joseph Morris, and prayer meetings are regularly kept up within the bounds of the church. We have reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the manifestation of His presence amongst us in the awakening and conversion of sinners. We have received by baptism 39; present number, 82." "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountains of his holiness."—*Psalms*, 48, 1.

SALEM, CARROLL COUNTY.—We have intelligence of a very encouraging nature from this church. Love and harmony prevail within her borders. There have been added by baptism 26—149 in fellowship, in all. S. S. Lattimore is her pastor. "Thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."—*Isaiah*, 34, 13.

CARROLLTON.—This church has been favored with a most gracious revival of religion; about 60 have been added by baptism. As the statistics of this church have not been received, we cannot say precisely what is her number. So far as is known, there is a good state of things there. S. S. Lattimore is her pastor. "While I live, I will praise the Lord."—*Psalms*, 146, 2.

THE MIDDLETON Church says: "When we review the dealings of our Heavenly Father with us during the year now closing, we can truly say, 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' We have received by baptism 82—present number 207. Joseph Morris is our pastor. We have had brethren Lattimore, Stovall, and Hufham with us occasionally." "Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength."—*Psalms*, 29, 1.

SHONGALO.—This church has failed, by her delegation, to represent herself in the Association this year; consequently, we cannot say what is her standing. There have been some additions by baptism. S. S. Lattimore is her pastor. It is believed that a good state of things is prevailing within her limits. "What dost thou here, Elijah?"—*1 Kings*, 19, 9.

HAY'S CREEK.—The intelligence received from this church does not give an account of any revival during the past year. They seem to be at peace amongst themselves, and brotherly love seems to abound. S. S. Lattimore is her pastor. Present number, 70. "O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid; O Lord, revive thy work."—*Habakkuk*, 3, 2.

PLEASANT GROVE.—The communication from this church shows that they are at peace amongst themselves, and are travelling slowly on in the right way. They have received by baptism 4—in fellowship, 38. R. M. Curry is their

pastor. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways."
—*Psalms*, 123, 1.

GREENSBOROUGH.—This church represents herself as in a cold state. She enjoys peace and harmony at home. Baptized, 1—in fellowship, 32. Medy White is their pastor. "Unto Thee, lift I up mine eyes; O Thou, that dwellest in the Heavens."—*Psalms*, 122, 1.

FELLOWSHIP Church says: "In reviewing the history of our church for the past year, we find it has not been characterized by any visible out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. We enjoy peace and love among ourselves. In fellowship, 69. Jesse Thomas is our pastor." "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."—*Psalms*, 133, 1.

BETHANY—Says: "The state of our church, since our last, is as follows: Baptized, 3—in fellowship, 64. William Harrod is our pastor." "I will love the Lord, my strength."—*Psalms*, 18, 1.

SALEM, CHICKASAW COUNTY.—This church approves of Associations. In fellowship, 33. James Martin acts as pastor for them. They have been blessed with a gracious revival since their constitution; 11 have been added by baptism. "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God."—*Isaiah*, 40, 1.

[NO. 4.]

The agreement and understanding of the North Mississippi Effort Company.

We, the undersigned, Preachers of Zion and Yalobusha Associations, do agree to set apart the fourth Lord's-day in each month, and as many days before and afterwards as may be deemed expedient and necessary, for the purpose of co-operating with each other in holding protracted meetings in each other's churches, and at such other places as we may deem expedient; and may appoint. Any place or church desiring a protracted meeting, shall or may petition for the same; and the Moderator of such meetings shall publish the appointments as agreed upon.

We hereby appoint Joseph Morris to act as Moderator, and to appoint said meetings.

JOSEPH MORRIS,
B. CARROLL,
JAMES G. HALL,
GEORGE W. HUPHAM,
GEORGE STOVALL.

☞ All communications for the Company should be directed to Joseph Morris, at Middleton,—POST PAID.